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IN RE APPLICATION OF:  
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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR INSERTION OF ELONGATE  
INSTRUMENTS WITHIN A BODY  
CAVITY

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SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the final Advisory Action mailed Oct. 29, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Claims 1 – 82 were original in the application. Claims 83 – 92 were added by preliminary amendment. Claims 1, 7, 13 – 28, 33 – 36, 42 – 52, 54, 57, 61 – 69, 76 – 89 and 92 were withdrawn from consideration by restriction. Claims 33 – 36, 42 – 52, 54, 57, 61 – 69, 76 – 82 and 92 were restricted by species election. Claims 1, 13 – 28, and 83 – 89 were cancelled without prejudice. Claims 29 – 32, 37 – 41, 53, 55, 56, 58 – 60, 70 – 75, 90 and 91 have been allowed. Claim 2 has been amended. Claims 2 – 6 and 8 – 12 have been rejected as requiring new consideration.

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The prior Amendment After Final was not entered. The present Second Amendment After Final proposes to cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice and to make claims 4 – 6 and 8 – 12 depend directly or indirectly on allowed claim 29.

Thus all claims now in the application are allowed or depend on allowed claims.